

March 5, 2021 ~ Honorable Co-Chairs Senator Winfield and Representative Stafstrom, Ranking Members Senator Kissel and Representative Fishbein and members of the Judiciary Committee:

**HB 6355 - An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders or Warrants - OPPOSE**

I am writing in **strong opposition to HB 6355** for the following reasons:

Sec. 1 - sets a precedent for the use of harsh measures against individuals not because they are alleged to have committed any crime, but because somebody believes or **feels** they might, **someday**, somewhere, commit one. Expansion of the list of persons who may make application for a “risk warrant” allows for vengeful complaints.

Sec. 1 (g) - defines “family or household member” - question, who might be paying for paternity or maternity testing? This section allows for, pretty much, any aggrieved person, aggrieved even the slightest **perceived “offense”**, to apply under “oath” for a risk protection order. What are the consequences for someone who applies under false or malicious pretenses?

This bill would require legally owned and permitted firearms confiscation PRIOR to ANYONE requiring proof. **Last I knew, the burden of proof is upon the accuser NOT the accused.** Lastly the court order authorized could be issued without any proof or indication that the person poses an imminent threat to others.

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